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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Sean A. McCarthy <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1646 : :
Appln. No.:	09/333,159	: Examiner: Dong Jiang : :
Filed:	June 14, 1999	: Confirmation No.: 3785 : :
For:	NOVEL GENES ENCODING PROTEINS HAVING DIAGNOSTIC, PREVENTIVE, THERAPEUTIC, AND OTHER USES	: Attorney Docket : No. <b>10147-6</b> : (MBIO99-030)

**AMENDMENT  
AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This Amendment replies to issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 13, 2001 (Paper No. 7) for the application referenced above. This Amendment is timely filed in view of the enclosed Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, which extends the period available for responding to the Office Action through and including January 14, 2002 (January 13, 2002 being a Sunday).

Please amend the application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 12, 30, 32, and 37 to read as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, a "**Marked-Up Copy of Amended Claims**" accompanies this Amendment. The Applicants have also included a "**Clean Copy of Claims, as Amended,**" in which the claims (as amended to date) are listed in an order which the Applicants believe is appropriate for issue.

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